



App. No. 10/748,814
Amendment dated July 1, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 5, 2005

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3, and amend claims 1, 4 and 6 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A surface-shaped light irradiation device comprising:

a dot light source which emits a light substantially radiately; and

5 a light guiding plate which comprises a light entrance end surface from which a light emitted from said dot light source enters, a light emitting surface which is one principal surface for guiding the light entering from said light entrance end surface and emits a substantially uniform light therefrom, ~~and a~~
10 ~~back surface which is the other principal surface opposite to said light emitting surface, wherein a retaining section which retains said dot light source at a predetermined set position is provided to said light guiding plate~~ a back surface which is an other principal surface opposite to said light emitting surface, and a

15 retaining section which retains said dot light source at a
predetermined set position, wherein said retaining section
includes a wall which surrounds a periphery of said dot light
source, said wall being formed by said light entrance end surface
positioned at one end of said light guiding plate, and said dot
20 light source is disposed in an area surrounded by said retaining
section and said light entrance end surface, and is fixed to said
retaining section by an adhesive agent disposed between a surface
of the dot light source, other than its light emitting surface,
and the retaining section.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended). The surface-shaped light
irradiation device according to claim [[3]] 1,

wherein said retaining section is formed integrally with
said light guiding plate by being formed extendedly from said
5 light entrance end surface positioned at one end of said light
guiding plate.

Claim 5 (Original). The surface-shaped light irradiation device according to claim 1,

wherein said dot light source comprises a flat light emitting surface for emitting a light toward a part of an external surface, and is retained by said retaining section in a state where said light emitting surface abuts on said light entrance end surface of said light guiding plate.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended). The surface-shaped light irradiation device according to claim [[5]] 1,

wherein said dot light source is fixed ~~inside said retaining section by an adhesive agent stuffed between its surface other than said light emitting surface and said retaining section to~~ said wall opposite to said light entrance end surface by an adhesive agent.

Claim 7 (Original). The surface-shaped light irradiation device according to claim 6,

wherein said retaining section comprises a wall which is formed in such a manner as to protrude from said light entrance end surface positioned at one end of said light guiding plate and

to surround said dot light source, and a hole for storing an adhesive agent is formed in said wall.

Claim 8 (Original). The surface-shaped light irradiation device according to claim 1,

wherein:

said dot light source is mounted on a flexible wiring board
5 on which a circuit for lighting said dot light source is formed;
and

a part of said flexible wiring board is adhered to a back of said light guiding plate by an adhesive member.

Claim 9 (Original). The surface-shaped light irradiation device according to claim 8,

wherein said adhesive member is a both-surface adhesive tape.